

Charles's County 2020 Coronavirus resources



WASHINGTON GAS is temporarily suspending customer disconnections and waiving late fees for anyone unable to pay their monthly bills. Please visit eservice.washgas.com for assistance. Walk-in offices are closed. To pay bills to reconnect consumers can call (703) 750-7944.

<https://www.washingtongas.com/media-center/open-letter-to-customers>

SMECO is suspending service disconnections and waiving new late payment fees through May 1. SMECO will be working with customers on a case-by-case basis to establish payment arrangements and identify energy assistance options. Customers who may be challenged in paying their SMECO bill should contact SMECO Customer Care at 1-888-440-3311. <https://www.smeco.coop/>

PROHIBITION ON EVICTIONS: Governor Hogan has issued an emergency order that prohibits Maryland courts from ordering the eviction of any tenant who can show that their failure to pay rent was the result of COVID-19—for example, because of lost or reduced unemployment, or needing to care for a school-aged child—or because they are diagnosed with, or under investigation for, COVID-19.

<https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Executive-Order-Temp-Evictions-Prohibiting.pdf>

PROHIBITION ON FORECLOSURES: The Department of Housing and Urban Development was directed to suspend all evictions and foreclosures on HUD-backed properties until the end of April. The Federal Housing Finance Agency said it was directing Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to suspend all foreclosures and evictions for at least 60 days. Consumers should be encouraged to communicate with their lenders.

UNIVERSITY of MARYLAND CHARLES REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER: “We are following protocols from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and working with experts from across the University of Maryland Medical System and the UM School of Medicine to keep our community safe and informed.” For more information call 301-609-4000 or visit <https://www.umms.org/charles>

EXPANSION OF AVAILABLE SCHOOL MEALS: Certain Maryland schools are providing three meals a day, and a snack, to students impacted by the statewide closure of schools. MSDE has 138 meal distribution centers across the state as of March 17.

CHARLES COUNTY SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS: Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) is offering free meals for all children 18 and younger while the school system is closed from March 16 to 27. The outdoor distribution is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, rain or shine. The curbside distribution of breakfast packs and cold, bagged meals will take place at eight sites: Henry E. Lackey High School; Maurice J. McDonough High School; St. Charles High School; Westlake High School; Milton M. Somers Middle School; Indian Head Elementary School; Mt. Hope/Nanjemoy Elementary School and J.P. Ryon Elementary School. <https://www.ccboe.com/>

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